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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
USLO PEKING  
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 15752

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEAN, VN  
SUBJECT: PHAM VAN DONG VISIT TO MANILA

REF: MANILA 15446

1. ROMULO DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 4 PAPER HE WAS FORWARDING THAT DAY TO MARCOS GIVING HIS VIEWS ON HOW PHAM VAN DONG VISIT TO MANILA COULD BEST BE HANDLED. ROMULO NOTED THAT INDONESIAN FONMIN MOCHTAR HAD PAID OVER-NIGHT VISIT TO MANILA AUGUST 31 (WHICH RECEIVED NO LOCAL PUBLICITY) TO COMPARE NOTES ON DONG'S UPCOMING ASEAN TOUR AND HAD GIVEN ROMULO READINGS FROM SINGAPORE, BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR ON THE VIEWS OF OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS. ACCORDING ROMULO, ASEAN REGARDS THIS VISIT AS MOSCOW'S ATTEMPT TO BREAK OR AT LEAST DIMINISH ASEAN UNITY.  
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JAKARTA AND BANGKOK HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE VISIT SHOULD BE LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE, WHILE MALAYSIA WOULD NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE HIM.

2. IN HIS PAPER, ROMULO NOTED THAT:

- A) VIETNAMESE ARE NO LONGER ARGUING FOR SUBSTITUTION

- OF "INDEPENDENCE" FOR "FREEDOM" AS PART OF ASEAN
- FORMULA.
- B) THERE ARE INDICATIONS DONG WILL URGE SRV-ASEAN
- AFFILIATION IN A SEA ZONE OF PEACE, HOWEVER THIS IS
- DESCRIBED.
  
- C) ANY SUCH AFFILIATION WILL ANTAGONIZE PEKING AND
- ASEAN LEADERS SHOULD RESOLUTELY OPPOSE IT.
  
- D) DONG'S VISIT IS PERHAPS THE FIRST STEP IN THE
- SOVIET PLAN TO WHICH MOSCOW HAD RECENTLY ALLUDED FOR
- ORGANIZING A "COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT FOR THE
- PACIFIC."

3. COMMENT: IN RECENT CONCERSATIONS WITH EMBOFFS, MFA STAFFERS HAVE INDICATED SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF CONCERN OVER SRV'S VOLTE-FACE REGARDING ASEAN AND CONSIDERABLE QUESTIONING OF EXTENT TO WHICH SRV IS ACTING AS AN AGENT FOR THE SOVIETS. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THESE CONCERNS APPEAR TO BE SHARED BY MFA LEADERSHIP. TOUSSAINT

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